

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 7/23/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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- ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jonathan L Scherer on 10/12/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

ABSTRACT

A connector for piping ~~is described of the type comprising~~ including two tubular fitting parts (1, 2) and quick-coupling and quick release ~~means (15)~~ connector having a plurality of locking segments (16) circumferentially distributed in a plane perpendicular to the axis of ~~said the~~ fitting parts (1, 2) and housed in radial slots (17) of an axial projecting portion (6) of a first fitting part (2) that, during the coupling stage, is superimposable to a corresponding projecting axial portion (5) of the second fitting part (4). A revolving ring (18) ~~can be controlled to rotate in order to work on said the~~ locking segments (16) so as to push them into at least one radial seat (33) of ~~said the~~ projecting portion (5) of the second part of a joint (1) or to house them in its own radial seat (34), respectively for the coupling and the uncoupling of ~~said the~~ fitting parts (1, 2). Two ~~independent by~~ independently operable hydraulic cylinders (19) are arranged substantially at 180° from each other in the rotation plane of the revolving ring (18) and they react, each one, between a first lever (22) fastened to the first fitting part (2) and a

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second lever (23) fastened to the revolving ring (18). ~~Said~~ The first lever (22) is made up of a radially more external part (24) and of a radially more internal part (25) that are connected with each other by an articulation (26) which is modifiable in order to be able to assume a first operating condition for the complete mutual locking of the two parts (24, 25) of the first lever (22) and a second operating condition of consent to the rotation of the radially more external part (24) of the first lever (22) in a direction of approach to the second lever (23). (Figure-2)

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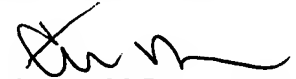
Page 5, change from "With the revolving ring 16 in the position of Figure 2 the segments 16" to "With the revolving ring 18 in the position of Figure 2 the segments 16".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron M. Dunwoody whose telephone number is 571-272-7080. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on 571-272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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